



Salt Cedar Challenge.... PART II....

Invasive noxious weeds like Salt Cedar may never be eradicated, but management and continuous control does make a difference. Through a grant opportunity with the SD Weed and Pest Commission, the Fall River County Weed and Pest Board has funds to spray the Salt Cedar growths throughout the county. Landowners will be notified when sprayers maybe in their area working in known infested areas. If you know of any Salt Cedar growths outside of the river, a dam face, or a draw area that you suspect or know of Salt Cedar plants please call the Weed and Pest Office and we will survey the area and apply herbicide to any plants found.



Grant Funds ? Yes , No, Maybe

YES: *In the year 2013, the Fall River County Weed & Pest Board was able to reimburse landowners in the county with land adjacent to national grasslands or national forest lands for half the cost of chemical they purchased for pasture spraying of noxious weeds and half the cost of hiring a commercial spray for application through a SD Dept. Of Ag, Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry grant.*

NO: *A few of the applications for reimbursement did not get funded due to the date of purchase was not in the guideline time frame, but we tried.*

Maybe: *For 2014, the Weed & Pest Board will again apply for funding and encourage landowners to keep all their chemical receipts / spraying bills ready for applying. Check with the Office to get an application form.*

2014 CRP and Grassland Prescribed Fire Planning Workshops

Rapid City: March 26: SDSU Wes River Ag Center, 1905 Plaza Blvd., Rapid City

8:30 AM – 5:0 PM -(1 hr. lunch break on your own)

Join us for these FREE one-day classroom workshops focused on CRP and grassland prescribed fire planning, safety, and implementation. Course content will include: developing cooperative burn plans and building trust between landowners, NRCS staff, and the local fire departments. Participants will receive specific instruction on utilizing NRCS prescribed fire plan for CRP and grassland as well as information on burn unit design and techniques. On-site registration begins at 8:30 . Pre-registration encouraged but not required. To pre-register or to request a course agenda call Jan Rounds at the Watertown SDSU Regional Extension Center at 605-882-5140.



WATCH OUT *for* Hoary Cress (Whitetop)

Hoary Cress is the first of the spring noxious weeds that **we all** need to be on the lookout for. With its numerous small white flowers with four petals, leaves that are lance-shaped, alternate on the stem and covered with soft white hairs, and stands out well in the green grass of early spring. A single plant can produce more than 450 shoots and spread over an area 12 feet in diameter in a single year.

Where do you look? Hoary cress prefers open, unshaded areas, in fields, waste areas, meadows, pastures, croplands and along roadsides.

Management: Prescribed measures for the control of this noxious weed are an application of a registered herbicide with metsulfuron in the early growth stage and cultivation by pulling but regrowth may occur from left over root system.



HELP WANTED

Fall River County Weed Sprayer Status: Part time/ Seasonal Salary: \$9.00/hr.

This is a part time job with variable days and hours subject to contracted work and weather conditions. Will work April through October. Must be 18 years or older, can lift 25+lbs. and physically fit to bend, squat, lift and extensive walking. Must obtain commercial pesticide applicator licenses. Experience with maintenance of small engines and pump systems preferred. Visit the Fall River County website at: fallriversdcounties.org for information / application or call 605-745-5047.

Position open till filled.

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Regular Meetings:

First Thursday of the month
2:00 PM – Fall River Co. Jury Room
Check the Fall River Co. Website,
<http://fallriver.sdcounties.org> for
any changes, agendas, and
minutes from past meetings.

**NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTROL
NOXIOUS WEEDS AND DECLARED PESTS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 18th Day of April, 2014 pursuant to SDCL 38-22 as amended to all owners, occupants, agents and public officials in charge of lands in Fall River County, South Dakota, that they are responsible for the suppression, control, and eradication of noxious weeds and declared pest infestations that may exist on such lands.

Chemical, biological, and/or cultural control methods used for the suppression, control and eradication of noxious weed and declared pest infestations shall be those approved for such purposes by the Fall River County Weed and Pest Supervisor or the South Dakota State University Experiment Station.

Upon failure to observe this notice, the county weed and pest board is required to proceed pursuant to the law and have the noxious weeds or declared pests destroyed by such methods as they may find necessary, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land, and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected, or by other means as provided by law.

Plants and animals designated as being noxious weeds and declared pests in the state of South Dakota are Leafy Spurge, Salt Cedar, Perennial Sow Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Hoary Cress, Canada Thistle, Purple Loosestrife, Prairie Dogs and Gypsy Moth.

In addition, Dalmation Toadflax, Scotch Thistle, and Common Mullein, have been approved by the South Dakota Weed and Pest Control Commission as locally noxious weeds and are subject to the same suppression, control, and eradication requirements as the before mentioned plants and animals.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that upon establishing probable cause to believe a noxious weed or declared pest infestation exists upon any property in Fall River County, a representative of the Fall River county Weed and Pest Board will enter upon said property for the purpose of inspecting and confirming that such infestation actually exists.

Fall River County Weed & Pest Board

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Where Are Those EMPTY Plastic Pesticide Jugs?

They may be stacked in the corner of shed, lying beside the garage waiting for the next trip to the dump or in a pile that you will burn when the wind isn't blowing. **How about recycling those empty plastic pesticide jugs !!!**

Who is Eligible: Farmers, ranchers, homeowners, and others using pesticides.

What can be Recycled: Empty and properly rinsed rigid plastic pesticide and surfactant containers of any size.

Preparation of containers: It is the responsibility of the applicator to properly prepare the containers for recycling.

Rinsing: Eligible pesticide containers must be at a minimum, triple rinsed or pressure rinsed IMMEDIATELY after emptying them.

Caps: It is requested but not mandatory that caps be removed.

Labels: It is requested but not mandatory that labels be removed.

Collection Area: The designated containment area is in the Fall River County Weed and Pest Shop Yar, on Rathbun Rd behind the county Highway shop on Hwy 71.

If you have over 10 jugs ready to leave your place, the County Weed & Pest staff will come to your home, collect the containers, and deposit them at the collection site. We will haul all collected containers to the State collection site in the fall. For more information on pesticide container recycling visit www.sdda.sd.gov/Ag_services/ If the Weed & Pest can be assistance call the Office, 745-5047.



KEEP A RECORD

Private pesticide applicators must record their restricted use pesticide applications. Keeping records on all pesticide use will also help you:

- Evaluate how well a chemical worked.
- Figure how much pesticide you will need in a future year.
- Prevent carry-over injury.
- Protect you from legal action if you are accused of improper pesticide use.

Two types of record books are available at the Weed & Pest Office or on-line at <http://www.ams.usda.gov>



THANK YOU ! for taking the time to look, read and think about weeds and trees. The first three callers or visitors to the Weed &Pest Office that mention this ad in the newsletter will receive a “Free” “Good Neighbors Control Noxious Weeds” Travel cup!

JOB OPENINGS: District has Job Openings for Part-time District Manager, Tree Foreman and Crew. All must be 18+ older, can lift 50+lbs. and physically fit to bend, squat, lift and extensive walking. District Manager needs bookkeeping experience, preferably with QuickBooks and working knowledge of Microsoft Office programs. Excellent Customer Service skills and ability to work independently. Tree Foreman will work with the District Manager to check sites and ready supplies to go out on job sites, be able to ride equipment and lift 75+lbs. Crew will go out on plantings; need planters, heelers, staplers. Apply at the Conservation District Office.

NOW HIRING!